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Re: 10/052,115
By: Paul Carlson & Ed Nehus
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Art Unit 1614
Examiner Ostrup, Clinton T.

Sir:

This is in response to the "Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment" originally mailed August 11, 2003 and corrected by fax on August 20, 2003 (the cover sheet date of February 27, 2003 is incorrect). Applicants appreciate that the amendment filed May 16, 2003 is recognized as a bona fide reply to the Official Action. Applicants understand (a) that no extension fees are required, (b) that there is a 30-day period beginning on August 11, 2003, in which to provide a compliant amendment, and (c) that the amendment practice effective July 30, 2003 is applicable to this paper. Please inform applicants' attorney as soon as possible if these understandings are incorrect.

Applicants respectfully request consideration of the arguments and submissions previously forwarded, but much of their substance is repeated below for the convenience of Examiner.

AMENDMENTS